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Virtual Conference



The quality is excellent at Serle Court which is a go-to set for fraud claims generally.



Legal 500 2021



At Serle Court we have a dedicated team of civil fraud barristers who handle a broad spectrum of cases involving allegations of fraud, bribery, forgery, breach of trust, breach of fiduciary duty and misrepresentation.

Serle Court has been in Band 1 for civil fraud in both Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 for more than 10 years. With 10 silks and 8 juniors rated as leading practitioners by the directories, teams from chambers have been involved for both claimants and defendants in many of the most complex and high-value civil fraud cases of the past decade, such as *Glenn v Watson*, *Griffith v Gourgey*, *Taylor v Rhino Overseas Inc*, *Filatona Trading Ltd & Anor v Navigator Equities Ltd & Ors*, *Fiona Trust*, *BTA Bank v Ablyazov*, *Aeroflot v Berezovsky*, *Sovcomflot v Privalov*, *Ras Al Khaimah v Bestfort*, *Constantin Medien v Ecclestone*, *Instant Access Properties v Rosser*, *Tatneft PJSC v Bogolyubov*, *Orb v Ruhan* as well as more historic involvement in well-known cases such as Barings Bank and Barlow Clowes, the Gruppo Torras litigation, the Sumitomo Corporation trading fraud and the Madoff and Maxwell frauds.

Often several teams from Serle Court are involved in the biggest cases so that Serle Court is experienced and adept at coping with the additional demands of confidentiality arising when members of chambers appear on different sides.

What differentiates us from other chambers is our technical knowledge, international awareness and long experience in the field of civil fraud, combined with our expertise not only in banking and financial services, company and insolvency, but also significantly in terms of asset tracing in the fields of private client and trusts. We can therefore provide teams to tackle fraud cases and trace assets across the world. As well as regular appearances in the courts in England, over the past few years we have appeared or advised in the Bahamas, BVI, Bermuda, the Cayman Islands, the Channel Islands, the CIS, France, Isle of Man, Hong Kong, Japan and the UAE.

In this as in all areas, the directories comment on the client focussed approach, the strategic judgment and the effectiveness in court of our barristers. Serle Court is proud to be working alongside ICC FraudNet as strategic partner to an international network of independent lawyers who are the leading civil asset recovery specialists in each country. We look forward to discussing industry trends and establishing long-term connections at this virtual conference.





Lance Ashworth QC

“He is extremely bright, gives clear and robust advice, and is very strong on his feet. He is also a delight to work with and very approachable.”

Lance will introduce Serle Court to the members of FraudNet, giving an overview of the types of work that chambers undertakes both in England, and Worldwide.



Andrew Moran QC

“He has a wonderful legal brain and is hugely enjoyable to work with.”

Andrew will demonstrate how Serle Court is equipped to manage disputes arising in English-speaking African jurisdictions. His book, Commercial Litigation in Anglophone Africa, provides the reference point for advising clients on whether courts in sixteen English-speaking African jurisdictions will take jurisdiction over a dispute, on the range and scope of interim remedies that are available in the jurisdictions and on the circumstances in which foreign judgments are recognised and enforced in those jurisdictions.



Justin Higgo QC

“He’s brilliant - really clever, sees the way through complex matters as if they’re simple.”

Justin will speak about his recent experiences in the case of Glenn v. Watson, where he was one of a team of 6 barristers from Chambers, focussing in particular on the potential use of committal proceedings as part of the enforcement mechanism, having obtained a highly favourable judgment in the substantive trial.



Matthew Morrison

“One of the finest of his generation: he combines a formidable intellect with a user-friendly manner.”

Matthew will look at the way that barristers support lawyers in offshore jurisdictions, in particular his role in connection with the attempts to resuscitate the Black Swan injunctive jurisdiction in the BVI, which the Privy Council have breathed some life into by staying the Court of Appeal’s order in *CCL v. Broad Idea*.



Dan McCourt Fritz

“He has a fierce intellect and is a brilliant advocate, and is also superb with clients, which really marks him out.”

Dan will talk about the case of *Re Infund LLP* in which he is instructed to appear in the Supreme Court along with John Machell QC, also from Serle Court. The case concerns a claim by Infund LLP to shares in Grupo Mexico with an estimated value of US\$2.5 billion, which claim was held to be fraudulent at first instance. One of the issues that it raises is whether a foreign layperson who follows advice from reputable English solicitors as to technical matters of English law can properly be held to have acted dishonestly by so doing.



Charlotte Beynon

“Pragmatic, responsive and commercial.”

Charlotte is instructed in *Public Institution for Social Security of Kuwait v. Al Rajaan*, one of the Top 20 cases of 2020. She will discuss the operation of exclusive jurisdiction clauses in the context of fraud claims and whether the European and Lugano jurisdictional regimes will, in some circumstances, force a defendant simultaneously to defend two sets of claims arising out of the same facts in two different States.



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Clients rate the strength in depth, where “from the top to the bottom they’re high-quality barristers and I’ve not come across one I wouldn’t instruct”.

Serle Court “is in so many ways the top chancery and commercial fraud chambers in the country”.

“members are applauded for their ‘sheer approachability and the willingness to really engage with the cases and work as a team with instructing solicitors from the very beginning of the case to conclusion”

The set is “a cut above the rest for commercial litigation, fraud and general chancery work,”

Serle Court “offers a variety of skill sets that others can’t provide, and houses some of the biggest names at the Bar”

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